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1. The Lebanese Prime Minister, Riyad Sulh, has exploited (to further his own interests) reports which appeared in the Arab nationalist newspaper, al-Hayat, of plots against government leaders and of the Phalange Party's letter to its members, urging them to continue with physical and military exercises.
2. Following the temporary suspension of the Phalange paper, al-Amal, on 12 August, Riyad Sulh called a number of Moslems together and asked them to publish a manifesto which would attack the Phalangists, accusing them of conspiracy and fanaticism, and would defend Riyad Sulh as "the builder of independence." On 19 August posters appeared, particularly on the walls of Moslem mosques, attacking the Phalange, and signed by Lebanese youths.
3. On the day the posters appeared, Pierre Jumayl, leader of the Phalange, arranged a meeting between a number of Phalange leaders and a delegation from the Najjadah. They discussed the attacks on the Phalange by Moslems. The Phalange representatives implied that these attacks were instigated by Riyad Sulh and stated that if these attacks and posters were resumed, they would "no longer be bound to the national unity pact of 1943" and would announce the formation of a Christian state in Lebanon. The Najjadah representatives replied that they were ready to meet periodically with Phalange members in an effort to settle their differences, but the Phalange representatives remained unappeased.

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